GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Conversion of NHs
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of State Highways which decided to convert into National Highways at present;

(b) the norms prescribed in this regard;

(c) the number of more State Highways proposed to be converted into National Highways by 2019;

(d) whether any targets have been fixed in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI PON. RADHAKRISHNAN)

(a) to (e) The Ministry considers declaration of some State roads as new National Highways (NHs) from time to time depending upon requirement of connectivity, inter-se-priority and availability of funds.

The State roads are declared as new NHs on the basis of well established principles; the criteria for declaration of State roads as new NHs include roads running through length / breadth of the country, connecting adjacent countries, National Capitals with State Capitals / mutually the State Capitals, major ports, non-major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers, roads meeting very important strategic requirement in hilly and isolated area, arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby, roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions (other than strategically important ones), achieving a National Highways grid of 100 km, etc.

The total length of NHs in the country as on 31.03.2014 was about 91,287 km. This has been enhanced to about 1,15,435 km at present. Further, the Ministry has approved "In-Principle" declaration of about 51,300 km length of State roads as new NHs subject to outcome of their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

The Ministry has also taken up detailed review of NHs network with a view to develop the road connectivity to Border areas, development of Coastal roads including road connectivity for Non-Major ports, improvement in the efficiency of National Corridors, development of Economic Corridors, Inter Corridors and Feeder Routes along with integration with Sagarmala, etc., under proposed Bharatmala Pariyojana.

During its meeting held on 16.06.2017, the Public Investment Board (PIB) has recommended the proposal for Phase-I of Bharatmala Pariyojana for consideration of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) for investment approval.

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